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Letter of recommendation

For some kids it's really easy to write a letter of recommendation. CJ York is one of those kids. He is a good student, a superior athlete, but much, much more; CJ is a very good person.

Scholastics may not come as easy to CJ as others, his GPA and test scores are pretty average. But CJ has something a lot of other kids don't; he knows how to work...hard! I believe he will do just fine at the college level.

I have mentioned that CJ is a superior athlete. He is! As a wrestler at Roosevelt High School, he has excelled. He is just the kind of kid a coaches love to have; coachable, respectful, unstoppable, perseverant and dedicated. Just recently CJ was awarded "Most Outstanding Wrestler" at the Roosevelt Invitational. This is voted on by all coaches and quite an honor, especially since the honor was bestowed on him last year, too. This gives credence to the kind of kid he is. CJ placed third at the state level in 2010 and is expected to win the title in 2011.

Although he has risen to an elite athlete position, CJ draws very little attention to himself. He is modest and humble. He doesn't need to talk about how good he is; his actions speak volumes. He is a volunteer coach for youth wrestlers and has learned the value of sharing who he is. The little guys think he's a *God*, and CJ feels a responsibility to uphold and protect their opinions.

CJ's service to others doesn't stop on the wrestling mat; he also serves the elderly when possible. CJ has actually served dinner to the local Lyons organization at their monthly meetings and cleaned yards for senior citizens. He has also made blankets for the homeless and served on the 4-H leadership team.

When we read the newspapers or listen to the evening news, it's easy to get discouraged about today's youth. However, students like CJ York offer reassurance for the future. They just don't get much better than CJ, and Roosevelt High school has been honored to call him one of their own!

Very Sincerely,

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